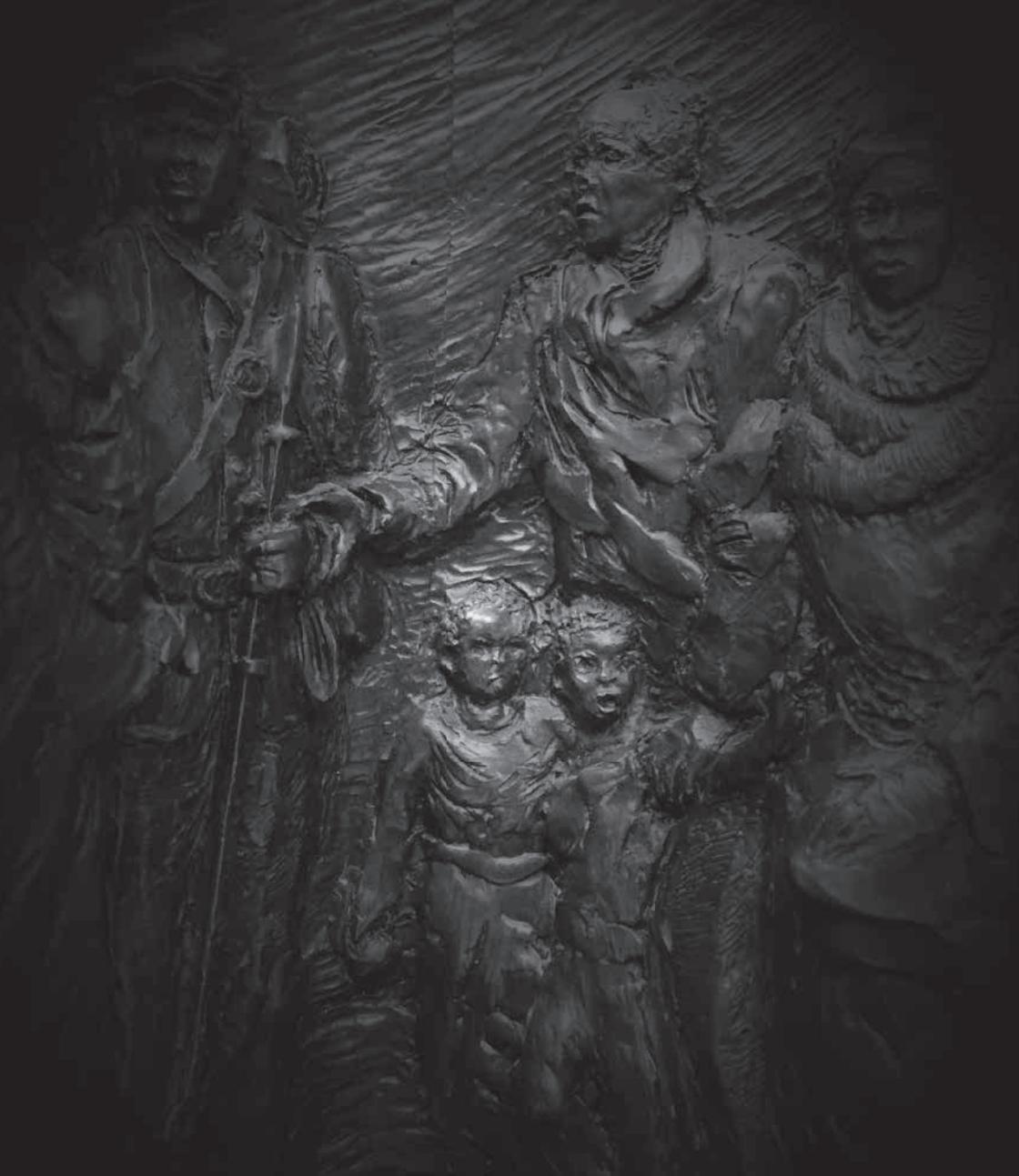


Black History Month 2016

GUIDE TO FREE EVENTS IN WASHINGTON, DC | FEBRUARY 1 - 29, 2016



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The DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities and the DC Black History Celebration Committee are proud to present this guide to events in Washington, DC for the month of February 2016.

This guide is available online at dcarts.dc.gov.

As a Harvard-trained historian, Carter G. Woodson, like W. E. B. Du Bois before him, believed that truth could not be denied and that reason would prevail over prejudice. His hopes to raise awareness of African American's contributions to civilization was realized when he and the organization he founded, the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (ASNLH), conceived and announced Negro History Week in 1925. The event was first celebrated during a week in February 1926 that encompassed the birthdays of both Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass. The response was overwhelming: Black history clubs sprang up; teachers demanded materials to instruct their pupils; and progressive whites, not simply white scholars and philanthropists, stepped forward to endorse the effort.

By the time of Woodson's death in 1950, Negro History Week had become a central part of African American life and substantial progress had been made in bringing more Americans to appreciate the celebration. At mid-century, mayors of cities nationwide issued proclamations noting Negro History Week. The Black Awakening of the 1960s dramatically expanded the consciousness of African Americans about the importance of black history, and the Civil Rights movement focused Americans of all color on the subject of the contributions of African Americans to our history and culture.

The celebration was expanded to a month in 1976, the nation's bicentennial. President Gerald R. Ford urged Americans to "seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history." That year, fifty years after the first celebration, the association held the first African American History Month. By this time, the entire nation had come to recognize the importance of Black history in the drama of the American story. Since then each American president has issued African American History Month proclamations. And the association—now the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH)—continues to promote the study of Black history all year.

(Excerpt from an essay by Daryl Michael Scott, Howard University, for the Association for the Study of African American Life and History)

On the cover: A detail of the Spirit of Freedom sculpture, part of the African American Civil War Museum

JANUARY 7 - MARCH 2

DISPLAY: *The Tuskegee Airmen: Fighting on Two Fronts*

10:00 AM - 5:30 PM
National Archives Museum
Constitution Avenue, NW (between 7th & 9th St.)
<http://www.archives.gov>

DECEMBER 2015 - OCTOBER 2016

Exhibit: *Twelve Years That Shook and Shaped Washington 1963-1975*

10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Smithsonian's Anacostia Community Museum,
Main Gallery
1901 Fort Place, SE
202-633-4820 <http://www.anacostia.si.edu>

JANUARY 15 - MARCH 5

Exhibit: *The Night and the Desert Know Me*

11:00 AM - 5:00 PM, Wednesday - Friday
11:00 AM -3:00 PM Saturday by appointment.
Joan Hisaoka Healing Arts Gallery at Smith
Center for Healing & Arts
1632 U Street, NW
202-483-8600 <http://www.smithcenter.org>

JANUARY 23 - MARCH 13

Exhibit: *Renée Stout—Tales of the Conjure Woman*

11:00 AM - 4:00 PM Tuesday - Sunday
American University Museum
4400 Massachusetts Ave. NW 202-885-1300
<http://www.american.edu/cas/museum/>

JANUARY 30 - MARCH 5

Exhibit: *The Magic Within*

10:00 AM - 6:00 PM Fr. 12:00 - 6:00 PM Sat.
Watergate Gallery & Frame Design
2552 Virginia Avenue, NW 202-338-4488
<http://www.watergategalleryframedesign.com>

EVERYDAY

Mary McLeod Bethune Council House National Historic Site Tours

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM (Last tour at 4 PM)
1318 Vermont Avenue, NW
202-673-2402 www.nps.gov/mamc

Exhibit: *Through the African American Lens: Selections from the Permanent Collection*

10 AM - 5:30 PM
National Museum of American History
NMAAHC Gallery
www.nps.gov/mamc

Reading Ranger Program

10:30 - 11:30 AM Every Monday
Mary McLeod Bethune Council House National
Historic Site
1318 Vermont Avenue, NW
202-673-2402 www.nps.gov/mamc

FEBRUARY 1

Film: *'Selma': One Dream Can Change the World*

10:30 - 11:30 AM
Northeast Library
330 7th Street, NE
202-698-0058 <http://dclibrary.org>

FEBRUARY 2

Black History Quilt Project

4:00 PM
Rosedale Library
1701 Gales Street, NE
202-727-5012 <http://dclibrary.org>

Discussion: Being Black And...Homeless

5:15 - 6:15 PM
Oxnam Chapel
4500 Massachusetts Avenue, NW
202-885-8600 www.wesleyseminary.edu

Black History Month Kickoff

6:00 - 9:00 PM
African American Civil War Museum
1925 Vermont Ave. NW 202-667-2667
RSVP at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/black-history-month-kickoff-tickets-20761397900>

FEBRUARY 3

The Dred Scott Decision: Slavery, Succession and Its Aftermath

6:30 PM

Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library
Black Studies Center, Room 316
901 G Street, NW, Washington, DC
dclibrary.org

A Season of Remembrance: A Survey of African American Sacred Place and Spaces

7:00 PM

Woodridge Interim Library
1790 Douglas Street, NE
202-541-6226 dclibrary.org

FEBRUARY 4

Is The Voting Rights Act of 1965 in Jeopardy?

6:30 PM

Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library
901 G Street, NW
202-727-0321 <http://dclibrary.org>

Humanitini: National Symbol, City of Neighborhoods

6:30 - 8:30 PM

Busboys & Poets
5th & K Streets, NW
202-387-8391 <http://www.wdchumanities.org>

Film & Discussion: Rosenwald: A Remarkable Story of a Jewish Partnership with African American Communities

7:00 PM

National Archives
Constitution Ave., NW (between 7th & 9th St.)
202-357-6814 www.archivesfoundation.org

FEBRUARY 5

Story Hour at The African American Civil War Museum

6:00 PM

African American Civil War Museum
1925 Vermont Avenue, NW 202-667-2667
<http://afroamcivilwar.org>

FEBRUARY 5 - MARCH 11

Exhibit: Carnaval: Celebrations of the African Diaspora

12:00 - 4:00 PM Tuesday through Friday.

Opening Reception 2/5/2016, 5:00 - 8:00 PM

Pepco Edison Place Gallery

702 Eighth Street, NW 202-673-2402

<http://www.pepco.com/community-commitment/>

Free Folger Friday: Crime Writers on Shakespeare

6:00 PM

Folger Shakespeare Library

201 East Capitol Street, SE

RSVP <http://www.folger.edu/events/free-folger-friday-crime-writers-shakespeare>

FEBRUARY 6

Ben's Chili Bowl DC Black History Classes

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Ben's Chili Bowl 1213 U Street, NW

202-251-1975

Get the Word Out and March!

10:00 - 2:00 PM

National Museum of American History

1400 Constitution Avenue, NW

<http://nmaahc.si.edu>

Genealogy Basics

11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

African American Civil War Museum

1925 Vermont Avenue, NW 202-667-2667

RSVP at <http://aacwmgenbasics.eventbrite.com>

Portrait Story Days: George Washington Carver

1:00 - 4:00 PM

National Portrait Gallery, Education Center,
Room E151

8th & F Streets, NW

202-633-8299 <http://npg.si.edu>

Frederick Douglass/ Harriet Tubman: Parallel Lives From the Eastern Shore

1:00 PM

Georgetown Library

3260 R Street, NW
202-727-0232 <http://dclibrary.org>

Searching for your Civil War Ancestor

2:00 - 3:30 PM
African American Civil War Museum
1925 Vermont Avenue, NW 202-667-2667
RSVP at <http://aacwmgenbasics.eventbrite.com>

Author Talk and Book Signing: Amina Hassan presents "Loren Miller, Civil Rights Attorney and Journalist"

2:00 - 3:30 PM
Sankofa Video Books & Cafe
2714 Georgia Avenue, NW
202-234-4755 <http://www.sankofa.com>

Author Talk and Book Signing: Patsy Flectcher, Historically African American Leisure Destinations

2:00 - 4:00 PM
Smithsonian's Anacostia Community Museum,
Program Room
1901 Fort Place, SE
202-633-4844 to register for this program
<http://www.anacostia.si.edu>

Author Talk and Book Signing: March: A Discussion Featuring Congressman John Lewis and co-author Andrew Aydin

2:00 - 4:30 PM
National Museum of American History
Warner Brothers Theater
1400 Constitution Avenue, NW
<http://nmaahc.si.edu>

"Haiti" Children's Book, "The First Black Republic" with Frantz Derenoncourt, Jr.

4:30 - 6:00 PM
Sankofa Video Books & Cafe
2714 Georgia Avenue NW
202-234-4755 <http://www.sankofa.com>

FEBRUARY 7

ACM Twelve Years to Treasure Tour

11:00 AM & 12:00 PM
Smithsonian's Anacostia Community Museum,
1st Floor Main Gallery

1901 Fort Place, SE
202-633-4820
<http://anacostia.si.edu>

Magical Mirrors Children's Book Fair Event: Storytelling with Yasmin

1:00 PM
Sankofa Video Books & Cafe
2714 Georgia Avenue, NW
202-234-4755 <http://www.sankofa.com>

Author Talk: "The Righteous Sin" - Book Launch w/ Author G.I. Berry

2:00 - 4:00 PM
Sankofa Video Books & Cafe
2714 Georgia Avenue, NW
202-234-4755 <http://www.sankofa.com>

Portrait Story Days: George Washington Carver

2:00 - 5:00 PM
National Portrait Gallery
Education Center, Room E151
8th & F Streets, NW
202-633-8299 <http://npg.si.edu>

FEBRUARY 8 - MAY

Exhibit: Little Rock Nine—Selected Objects

10:00 AM - 5:30 PM
National Museum of American History
American Stories Exhibition Space
1400 Constitution Avenue, NW

FEBRUARY 8

Magical Mirrors Children's Book Fair Event: NSAA West African Dance Ensemble

4:30 PM
Sankofa Video Books & Cafe
2714 Georgia Avenue, NW
202-234-4755 <http://www.sankofa.com>

DC Legendary Musicians

6:30 PM
Ben's Chili Bowl
1213 U Street, NW
202-251-1975

A Matter of Justice: Mass Incarceration and Its Effects on African American Families

7:00 PM

Capitol View Library

5001 Central Avenue, SE

202-645-0755 <http://dclibrary.org>

FEBRUARY 9

Through Lincoln's Words: The Target Oratory Festival

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Ford's Theatre

511 Tenth Street, NW

202-347-4833 <http://www.fords.org>

The Legacy of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

11:00 AM

Oxnam Chapel

4500 Massachusetts Avenue, NW

202-885-8600 www.wesleyseminary.edu

The Social Life of DNA: Race, Reparations, and Reconciliation After the Genome

Alondra Nelson

12:00 PM

National Archives

Constitution Ave. NW (between 7th & 9th St.)

202-357-6814

www.archivesfoundation.org

Discussion: Being Black And...Educator

5:15 - 6:15 PM

Oxnam Chapel

4500 Massachusetts Avenue, NW

202-885-8600 www.wesleyseminary.edu

Artist Talk: Rik Freeman

6:30 - 8:30 PM

Anacostia Neighborhood Library

1800 Good Hope Road, SE

202-715-7707

The History of the Addison Family

7:00 PM

Benning (Dorothy I. Height) Library

3935 Benning Road, NE

202-281-2583 <http://dclibrary.org>

FEBRUARY 10

The Long Emancipation: The Demise of Slavery in the United States

12:00 PM

National Archives

Constitution Ave. NW (between 7th & 9th St.)

202-357-6814 www.archivesfoundation.org

Artist Talk: Jay Coleman

6:30 - 8:30 PM

Anacostia Neighborhood Library

1800 Good Hope Road, SE

202-715-7707

The Art of Face Painting with Corey Morgan

6:30 PM

Capitol View Library

5001 Central Avenue, SE

202-645-0755 <http://dclibrary.org>

Is It a Challenge Today to Discuss Race in America, Publicly?

6:30 PM

Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library

Room 316

901 G Street, NW

202-727-0321 <http://dclibrary.org>

John Henrik Clark: High Priest of Black History

7:00 PM

Woodridge Interim Library

1790 Douglas Street, NE

202-541-6226

FEBRUARY 11

Discussion on #BlackLivesMatter and how Dr. King's dream is still being lived into today

4:00 - 5:00 PM

Elderdice Hall

4500 Massachusetts Avenue, NW

202-885-8600 www.wesleyseminary.edu

The Underground Railroad in Washington, DC

7:00 PM

Dorothy I. Height/Benning Library

3935 Benning Road, NE
202-645-0755 <http://dclibrary.org>

Author Talk and Book Signing: On Art and History: The Coming—A Conversation with author Daniel Black

7:00 - 9:00 PM
American Indian Museum
Rasmuson Auditorium
4th Street & Independence Avenue, SW
<http://nmaahc.si.edu>

FEBRUARY 12

FRINGE Music in the Library: Mind Over Matter Music Over Mind

12:00 PM
Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library
901 G Street, NW
202-727-0321 <http://dclibrary.org>

DC Film Screening and Discussion: Landscape of Power

6:00 - 8:00 PM
Church of Scientology Fraser Mansion
1701 20th Street, NW
202-667-6404

No Fear Book Signing with Author Marsha Coleman Adebayo

6:00 - 7:00 PM
Sankofa Video Books & Cafe
2714 Georgia Avenue, NW
202-234-4755 <http://www.sankofa.com>

FEBRUARY 13

Black History Month Quilt Making

10:00 AM
Bellevue (William O. Lockridge) Library
115 Atlantic Street, SW
202-243-1185 <http://dclibrary.org>

Artist Studio Tour

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Smithsonian's Anacostia Community Museum
1901 Fort Place, SE
202-633-4844 <http://anacostia.si.edu>

Talk and Discussion: Community Organizing and Its Impact

1:00 - 3:00 PM
Smithsonian's Anacostia Community Museum
Program Room
1901 Fort Place, SE
202-633-4820 <http://anacostia.si.edu>

Project Create's Family Art Day with Culture Queen!

1:00 - 4:00 PM
Project Create Studio, 2nd Floor
2028 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue, SE
202-889-0655 <http://projectcreatedc.org>

Michael W. Brookins and Friends in Concert

2:00 PM
Capitol View Library
5001 Central Avenue, SE
202-645-0755 <http://dclibrary.org>

Film and Director Q&A: Fly By Light

4:30 - 6:00 PM
Smithsonian's Anacostia Community Museum,
Program Room
1901 Fort Place, SE
202-633-4820 <http://anacostia.si.edu>

FEBRUARY 14

Portrait Story Days: Martin Luther King, Jr.

1:00 - 4:00 PM
National Portrait Gallery, Education Center,
Room E151
8th & F Streets, NW
202-633-8299 <http://npg.si.edu>

Princess Planet Craft Day

2:00 - 3:00 PM
Sankofa Video Books & Cafe
2714 Georgia Avenue, NW
202-234-4755 <http://www.sankofa.com>

African American Men Sing Songs of Praise

3:00 PM
Greater New Hope Baptist Church
816 8th Street, NW
202-842-1036

FEBRUARY 16

Abstract Art Project

4:00 PM

Rosedale Library

1701 Gales Street, NE

202-727-5012 <http://dclibrary.org>

Discussion: Being Black And...Artist (Music)

5:15 - 6:15 PM

Oxnam Chapel

4500 Massachusetts Ave. NW

202-885-8600 www.wesleyseminary.edu

FEBRUARY 17

Film, Discussion, and Tour: Black Panthers – Vanguard of the Revolution

12:00 - 2:00 PM

Smithsonian's Anacostia Community Museum,
Program Room and We Act Radio Gallery

1901 Fort Place, SE

202-633-4844 to register for this program

<http://www.anacostia.si.edu>

Film Screening and Discussion: Diaspora in Dialogue

5:00 PM

200 I (Eye) Street, SE

202-727-5634

Black Explorers: 2300 BC To the Present

7:00 PM

Woodridge Library

1790 Douglas Street, NE

202-541-6226 <http://dclibrary.org>

FEBRUARY 18

Community and Collection Talk: The Spiral Collective

10:30 - 11:30 AM

Smithsonian's Anacostia Community Museum
Program Room and Permanent Collection
Gallery

1901 Fort Place, SE

202-633-4820

<http://www.anacostia.si.edu>

Thurgood Marshall Social Justice Resource Center Black History Lecture

6:00 - 9:00 PM

The Thurgood Marshall Center for Service and
Heritage

1816 12th Street, NW

202-462-8314 <http://tmcsh.org>

Film & Discussion: Black Panthers – Vanguard of the Revolution

6:30 PM

Busboys and Poets

14th & V Streets, NW

202-780-7054 <https://bp-dc.eventbrite.com/>

Grand Theft Africa: The Original Scramble for the Black Continent

7:00 PM

Dorothy I. Height/Benning Library

3935 Benning Road, NE

202-645-0755 <http://dclibrary.org>

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FEBRUARY 20

Annual Black History Month Featured Author's Event

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Renaissance Hotel, Grand Ballroom Foyer

999 Ninth Street, NW 202-238-5910

<http://asalh100.org/authors-book-signing/>

African American Pioneers in Aviation and Space

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

National Air and Space Museum

Independence Avenue at 6th Street, SW

<http://airandspace.si.edu>

Annual Mardi Gras Family Festival

12:00 - 4:00 PM

Smithsonian's Anacostia Community Museum

1901 Fort Place, SE
202-633-4820 <http://anacostia.si.edu>

Portrait Story Days: Maya Angelou

1:00 - 4:00 PM
National Portrait Gallery, Education Center,
Room E151
8th & F Streets, NW
202-633-8299 <http://npg.si.edu/>

**Exhibits Discussion: DISTRICT & Twelve
Years that Shook and Shaped Washington:
1963-1975**

2:30 - 4:00 PM Carnegie Library
T Roosevelt Studio, 2nd level
801 K Street, NW
<http://www.dchistory.org>

Annual Mardi Gras Family Festival

12:00 - 4:00 PM
Smithsonian's Anacostia Community Museum
1901 Fort Place, SE
202-633-4820 <http://anacostia.si.edu>

FEBRUARY 21

Portrait Story Days: Maya Angelou

2:00 - 5:00 PM
National Portrait Gallery
Education Center, Room E151
8th & F Streets, NW
202-633-8299 <http://npg.si.edu/>

**Artist Talk with Barbara Frank and Cynthia
Bickley-Green**

2:00 - 4:00 PM
Smithsonian's Anacostia Community Museum,
1st Floor Main Gallery
1901 Fort Place, SE
202-633-4820 <http://anacostia.si.edu>

FEBRUARY 22

Author: Dolan Perkins-Valdez

6:30 PM
Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library
The Popular Library
901 G Street, NW
202-727-0321 <http://dclibrary.org>

Science in Early and Medieval Africa

7:00 PM
Capitol View
5001 Central Avenue, SE
202-645-0755 <http://dclibrary.org/>

**A Literary Celebration with the Birmingham
Jail Players**

7:30 PM
Palisades Library
4901 V Street, NW
202-282-3139 <http://dclibrary.org>

FEBRUARY 23

**INTELLIGENCE AS A CAREER PATH: A Black
History Month After-school Program**

4:30 - 5:30 PM
International Spy Museum
800 F Street, NW
202-654-0933 <http://www.spymuseum.org>

Discussion: Being Black And...LGBT

5:15 - 6:15 PM
Oxnam Chapel
4500 Massachusetts Avenue, NW
202-885-8600 www.wesleyseminary.edu

FEBRUARY 24

**This Black History Month, Save Your Own
History**

6:30 PM
Mt. Pleasant Library
3160 16th Street, NW
202-671-3121 <http://dclibrary.org>

**Panel Discussion: Black Georgetown
Remembered**

7:00 - 9:00 PM
Georgetown University, ICC Auditorium
37th and O Street, NW
<http://guevents.georgetown.edu>

FEBRUARY 25

**Thurgood Marshall Social Justice Resource
Center Know the Law Series in Partnership
with Coleman & Hearn**

6:00 - 9:00 PM

The Thurgood Marshall Center for Service and Heritage
1816 12th Street, NW
202-462-8314 <http://tmcsh.org>

FEBRUARY 27

Ben's Chili Bowl DC Black History Classes

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Ben's Chili Bowl 1213 U Street, NW
202-251-1975

Portrait Story Days: Langston Hughes

1:00 - 4:00 PM

National Portrait Gallery
Education Center, Room E151
8th & F Streets, NW
202-633-8299 <http://npg.si.edu>

Rhythm Cafe: The Life & Times of Sammy Davis Jr.

2:00 - 4:00 PM

Smithsonian's Anacostia Community Museum
Program Room
1901 Fort Place, SE
202-633-4820 <http://anacostia.si.edu>

Son Little

6:00 PM

John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts
2700 F Street, NW
202-467-4600 <http://www.kennedy-center.org>

Film and Discussion: Ashes and Embers: A Screening and Discussion Featuring Ava DuVernay and Haile Gerima

7:00 - 9:00 PM

Natural History Museum, Baird Auditorium
10th Street & Constitution Avenue, NW
<http://nmaahc.si.edu>

FEBRUARY 28

African Attire Day and "Taste of All Nations"

11:00 AM

All Nations Baptist Church, Fellowship Hall
2001 North Capitol Street, NE
202-832-9591
www.allnationsbaptistchurch.com

Author Talk and Book Signing: Keith Clark: The Radical Fiction of Ann Petry

2:00 - 4:00 PM

Smithsonian's Anacostia Community Museum
Program Room
1901 Fort Place, SE
202-633-4820
<http://www.anacostia.si.edu>

Portrait Story Days: Langston Hughes

2:00 - 5:00 PM

National Portrait Gallery
Education Center, Room E151
8th & F Streets, NW
202-633-8299 <http://npg.si.edu>

Black Inventions Party

2:00 PM

Woodridge Library
1790 Douglas Street, NE
202-541-6226 <http://dclibrary.org>

FEBRUARY 29

A Season of Remembrance: A Survey of African American Sacred Places and Spaces

7:00 PM

Capitol View Library
5001 Central Avenue, SE
202-645-0755 <http://dclibrary.org>

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